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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**CONVICTED FELON CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL
POSSESSION OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JAMES BROWN, 41, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Indiana State Police.

The indictment alleges that BROWN, who has prior felony convictions for possession of cocaine and driving while a suspended habitual traffic violator, possessed three firearms and multiple rounds of ammunition on July 1, 2003.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who is prosecuting the case for the government, BROWN, if convicted, faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum potential fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing on the indictment before a Magistrate Judge will be held in the near future.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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